

(What did your mother do most of the time?)

Oh, she did all the work. She does all the work out there. And that keeps her busy. That's lots of work.

(What do you mean, making the house--?)

Cattails, yeah. Making the house. Daddy don't help her. She had to do that all herself. Sometimes, I guess, somebody helps her.

GETTING CAT-TAILS FOR MATS

(Where did she get the cattails?)

Oh, they grow in the water somewhere. They go way down Binger that time when they go to get their cattails. You know, where that Binger is don't you? That's where they go they go in wagon.

(Horse and wagon?)

Uh huh. But later on they got so they went on a train, and cars, after the cars were on. They go down there and cut them and send them on the train.

(Did you ever go over there?)

I went once and that's when they had this flu come out. We just got over there and we can't do nothing. We all just sick with the flu. Remember when they first had this flu?

(Was that during the First World War?)

Uh huh. Yeah, that's it. So we all come home. Come back sick. They couldn't work cause we get sick. That was our first time out there. See, we went out there. We was going to help them, my sister and I. Both got real sick.

(Who all went?)

I couldn't say. There were about six loads--wagons went. I know one of my-- it's not my real grandma, she went. She got sick. And my aunt. She got sick. We all, pretty near all got sick. My mama and daddy didn't get sick. So, we all come home without no cattails. And so I stayed--I thought I was well. Just day before we got letter, mama gave me bath. So my sister wrote from